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PEACE TALKS

FILM ON BOTH NETS SUN. OF HAK-PORTER JOKING ABOUT THE ENVOY'S CAUTIONING TO PRESS NOT TO BE CAUGHT W/"THEIR PENS DOWN." HE THOUGHT THAT WAS FUNNY, SAID A NOT-LAUGHING RATHER OF PORTER'S REMARK.....KALISCHER OF CBS DUBBED THE WEEK "MISSION PROBABLY" AND NOTING SVN'S RELUCTANCE TO GO ALONG, HE REPORTED RN IS SAID TO HAVE MADE AN OFFER THIEU CAN'T REFUSE.

IF THE TALKS FAIL, SAID UTLEY IN NBCS LEAD SUN AS HE EMPHASIZED THEIR CRITICAL NATURE, THE MOMENTUM COULD BE LOST AND CHANCES FOR PEACE CONSIDERABLY DIMMED. NBC'S DOBYNS SAID HAK, PORTER AND OTHER US OFFICIALS WERE APPEARING RELAXED AND SUGGESTING, W/OUT SO SAYING, THAT PEACE IS NEAR. HE ALSO NOTED THIS 7TH MEETING SINCE OCT 26 WHEN HAK SAID 3-4 MORE WOULD BE ENOUGH. LATER IN THE SHOW WHEN A WRAPUP OF THE FORTHCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS WAS GIVEN, UTLEY SAID AFTER 4 1/2 YEARS OF TALKS, THIS COULD BE THE FINAL WEEK.

FRANCE BELIEVES THIS WEEK'S MEETING WILL BE THE LAST W/A CEASE-FIRE SOON TO BE SIGNED REPORTS NY NEWS. ONE SOURCE CLOSE TO THE GOV'T SAID NEITHER GVN OR VC ARE HAPPY ABOUT SITUATION, "BUT THEY'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT.".....UPI SAYS "MANY DIPLOMATS" BELIEVE THIS'LL BE THE LAST WEEK.

OF PHOTOGS, PIERPOINT ON S.F. SAID RZ WOULDN'T COMMEN. ON REPORTS THAT THIS WEEK WILL BE FINAL MEETING OR THAT A CEASEFIRE CAN BE EXPECTED IN DEC. OR WHETHER SVN WILL SIGN...UPI SAYS RN/HAK TALKED ANIMATEDLY, BUT NEWSMEN WERE UNABLE TO OVERHEAR ANY OF THE CONVERSATION. NEITHER MAN WAS SEEN TO SMILE, SAYS THE WIRE.

NBC LED SAT W/FILM OF RN-HAK IN FINAL SESSION BEFORE WHAT'S HOPED WILL BE LAST ROUND IN PARIS. VALERIANI SAID WH WENT OUT OF ITS WAY TO PUT DOWN REPORTS THAT HAK HAD GONE BEYOND HIS AUTHORITY IN PARIS. AND HE SAID PAST WEEK HAD BEEN SPENT TRYING TO PROD SVN. IF THIEU BLOCKS ACCORD, HE'S BEING TOLD THAT HILL MIGHT CUT OFF AID AND THAT WH MIGHT NOT FIGHT SUCH AND EFFORT. DESPITE WH RETICENCE TO COMMENT, SAID VALERIANI, HAK BELIEVES HE CAN NAIL DOWN ACCORD BY WEEK'S END AND SVN WILL GO ALONG. UTLEY ADDED THAT THE FEELING IS THAT ACCORD WILL SOON BY SETTLED AND SIGNED.

GWERTZMAN OF TIMES ALSO SAYS "THE WH SEEMED TO GO OUT OF ITS WAY TO PRAISE HAK'S NEGOTIATING TALENTS AND TO ASSOCIATE RN W/HIS ACTIONS."...SCRIPPS-HOWARD'S SHACKFORD ON NET SAID THE TALK OF RN-HAK RIFT IS "DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE."....THE SUN SAYS RN SENT HAK BACK "W/Z POINTED EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE" AS ZIEGLER "APPEARED TO REJECT INSINUATIONS FROM SVN THAT HAK MAY HAVE CONCEDED MORE THAN RN INTENDED IN THE DRAFT."

ANTHONY LEWIS SAYS IT'S INCONCEIVABLE THAT HAK ACTED IN IGNORANCE OR DISREGARD OF RN'S VIEWS. HE ALSO DOUBTS THE OCT. 26 ANNOUNCEMENT WAS CYNICALLY AND DECEPTIVELY MADE FOR ELECTION PURPOSES. LEWIS FEELS THE DELAY IS A RESULT OF US UNDERESTIMATION OF THIEU'S OBJECTIONS AND OVERESTIMATION OF US ABILITIES TO BRING HIM ALONG. AS ALWAYS THE DECISIVE QUESTION REMAINS: WILL US SIGN WHEN THIEU DOESN'T ACTIVELY APPROVE? LEWIS HOPES THAT PEACE WILL COME--AS A RESULT OF RN/HAK DECISION TO NO LONGER SEEK TO APPEASE THIEU W/FURTHER "TERROR AND DESTRUCTION."

REASON FOR DELAY HAS BEEN THAT NO SETTLEMENT IS POSSIBLE W/OUT
AMBIGUITY AND NO "LASTING PEACE", SUCH AS US WANTS, IS POSSIBLE
W/OUT PRECISION. THE WRITERS FEEL THE AMBIGUITY IS THE ONE THAT
MUST NOW BE TAKEN ALTHO THEY ASSERT HAK RETURNS TO PARIS SEEKING
GREATER PRECISION. AND THEY SAY RN IS RISHING THE WHOLE DEAL
BY PRESSING FOR GREATER ACCEPTANCE OF SVN'S DEMANDS. "IN PRESSING
TOO HARD FOR A 'LASTING PEACE', HE COULD RISK GETTING NO PEACE AT ALL."
GELB/LAKE ALSO RENOUNCE THE IDEA THAT OCT. 26 ANNOUNCEMENT WAS
PART OF AN RN "ELECTIONEERING FRAUD".

A P.1 MONITOR STORY RELATES THE THESIS THAT "HAK WENT TOO FAR
IN NEGOTIATING W/THO AND THAT RN HAD DOUBTS ABOUT THE DRAFT."
ACCORDING TO THIS VIEW OF SOME ANALYSTS, "WHILE HAK CONSIDERED
THE OCT. 9. BREAKTHRU AS A GREAT VICTORY, RN EVALUATED IT AS JUST
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MOVE ON THE CHESS BOARD OF POLITICS " AND HE
WAS FAR MORE CONCERNED W/SVN'S ABILITY TO SURVIVE.

STERN W/A POST FEATURE SAYS THE QUESTION OF WHETHER HAK IS IN
TROUBLE HAS FILLED THE VOID IN PEACE NEWS. STORY W/SEVERAL COMMENTS
BY FORMER WH OR NSC AIDES-- ONE WAS "BAFFLED" OVER HAK'S INVESTING
SO MUCH PERSONAL CREDIBILITY IN THE OCT. 26 STATEMENT BUT HE'S TOO
RESPECTFUL OF THE KISSINGER IQ TO BELIEVE HAK GOT HIMSELF IN TROUBLE
W/RN. STERN NOTES THE WIDE BELIEF THAT THE US-SVN CONTRETEMPS
HAVE BEEN WINDOWDRESSING IN ORDER TO MAKE THE ACCORD MORE
PALATABLE TO THE GOP RIGHT AND ALSO TO SOFTEN SVN PROTESTS.
PERHAPS, SAYS STERN, HAK WAS FORCED TO PLAY THE FALL-GUY MORE
HEAVILY THAT HE PLANNED DUE TO SAIGON'S OBDURACY BUT STERN DOUBTS
THE OCT. 26 ANNOUNCEMENT CONTAINED INTENTIONALLY PREMATURE
STATEMENTS. STERN ALSO NOTES SOME FEEL RN HAS SOUGHT TO LEAVE
SOME BETWEEN HE AND HAK IF THINGS DO COME UNSTUCK IN PARIS.
THE POST WRITER SEES NO INDICATION THAT HAK PLANS TO LEAVE THE WH--
OR ANY DISPOSITION BY RN TO SEE HIM LEAVE.

THAT 'PEACE IS AT HAND'. THAT PASSAGE OF TIME SEEMS TO HAVE BROUGHT MUCH CONFUSION AND SHADOW ABOUT THE REAL CHANCE OF A SETTLEMENT. THE WAR GOES ON, MUCH AS IT DID BEFORE THE DISCLOSURE," SAYS AP, THEN RECOUNTING DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY MANUEVERS SINCE OCT. 26 AND CONCLUDING BY NOTING SIGNS THAT US PLANS TO WAIT NO LONGER TO SIGN.

RESTON QUOTES HAK AS SAYING HE "HAD THE ILLUSION" THAT THE TALKS COULD BE COMPLETED "W/OUT HEARTBREAK, BUT.. THE WAR HAS BEEN HEARTBREAKING FROM THE BEGINNING." BUT HAK IS CONFIDENT OF AN ACCORD SOON AND RESTON FEELS "THE LOGIC OF EVENTS REMAINS ON THE SIDE OF A SETTLEMENT." THE LONGER THIEU HOLDS BACK, THE MORE DETERMINED RN IS TO DECIDE, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, THAT THE ACCORD MUST BE SIGNED EVEN IF SVN REFUSES.

SIDNEY SAID TOO MUCH IS AT STAKE FOR BREAKDOWN. SPEAKING ON AGRONSKY, HE SAID RN SORT OF SET TRAP FOR HIMSELF W/ELECTION AND CREDIBILITY AND HE MUST END WAR NOW. SIDNEY SAID HIS LECTURING IN MID-AMERICA IN RECENT DAYS INDICATED THAT ANTI-WAR SPIRIT COULD BE SOON REKINDLED; MCG WAS SUCH A "HORRIBLE SPECTRE" THAT HE MUFFLED THE ISSUE ALONG W/OTHERS; IT LIES UNDER SURFACE; PEOPLE ARE SORE OVER DELAY. THEY'VE HAD IT. BUT KILPATRICK SAID HIS AUDIENCES WANT US TO STAY TIL DECENT PACT IS REACHED.

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KILPATRICK FEELS HAK HAS "A LITTLE MUD ON HIS FACE" AND DOESN'T LOOK TOO GOOD BUT ACCORD IS LIKELY. LISAGOR CALLED THE DELAY SINCE HAK'S PROPHECY A "GREAT EMBARRASSMENT" FOR US AND THERE'S BEEN GREAT SKEPTICISM AS A RESULT BUT PETER FEELS EVERYTHING IS STILL ON TRACK. NOYES WAS ONLY ONE OF GROUP WHO THOUGHT THINGS MIGHT GO ON FOR MORE THAN THIS WEEK--HE ALSO WAS THE STRONGEST ADVOCATE OF BRINGING SVN ALONG.

SHACKFORD ON NET SAYS ACCORD IS PROBABLY NEARER BUT HE SAID WORD "PEACE" NEEDS MORE PRECISE DEFINITION. IT'S REALLY NOT "PEACE" WHICH IS BEING AGREED UPON BUT RATHER A CEASEFIRE IN ORDER TO LET US OUT. LISAGOR ASKED WHY RN COULDN'T JUST CUT OFF SAIGON'S WATER AS US HOLDS ALL THE ACES. SHACKFORD SEES RN'S GOAL IS TO GET OUT W/"HONOR" IN A WAY IN WHICH THE RIGHT CAN'T MAKE IT LOOK LIKE A "SELLOUT"-- AND MAKE THE CHARGE STICK. NO WAY ACCORD WILL GO TO HILL IN ANY CASE, HE SAID, ALTHO RECONSTRUCTION MONEY MUST COME FROM HILL. TIMES MACNEIL PREDICTED MANY "BITTER" FIGHTS OVER THAT.

SVN'S FOREIGN MIN. LAM SAYS SVN WON'T SIGN IF NVA WITHDRAWAL ISN'T INCLUDED IN ACCORD. THE NY NEWS SAYS DUC REPORTEDLY ASKED RN TO POSTPONE ANY SIGNING FOR 3 MONTHS TO ALLOW FURTHER TERRITORIAL EXPANSION. ...MUDD CALLED LAM'S STATEMENT THE STRONGEST INDICATION YET THAT US WILL INDEED SIGN NO MATTER WHAT SVN DOES. ...UTLEY ADDED THAT IT WAS SVN'S FIRST SUCH PUBLIC STATEMENT AND FIRST SOLID INDICATION THAT US WILL SIGN IN ANY CASE. ...ON SUN., RATHER SAID THERE WERE "FEARS IN SAIGON" THAT US WILL SIGN WITHOUT THIEU.

LE MONDE SAID GVN HAS DIRECTED ITS OFFICIALS TO PREPARE FOR A CEASE-FIRE, POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS DEC. 12. ..."SVN CONTINUED TO MAKE HAWK-LIKE NOISES PUBLICLY," SAYS THE SUN'S WOODRUFF, "BUT THEY ALSO TOOK WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE FIRST STEPS TO PREPARE THEIR PEOPLE AND ADMIN. FOR AN EARLY CEASE FIRE." ...THIEU DECREED A 3 PART LAW THAT WOULD GIVE HIM AND THE ARVN TIGHT CONTROL IN CASE OF A CEASEFIRE. HE CAN DECLARE STATES OF ALERT, EMERGENCY AND CURFEW THROUGHOUT GVN-CONTROLLED AREAS. ...NBC FILM OF MASSIVE GVN CAMPAIGN IN SAIGON TO SELL THIEU'S POLICIES ON CEASEFIRE: 1) ONLY VIETS CAN SETTLE GVN FATE AND 2) NVA MUST LOSE. REPORTER SAW LITTLE SIGN OF MUCH PUBLIC INTEREST IN ALL THE SIGNS.

ACCORDING TO FRIED OF THE NY NEWS HAK'S MEETING IN OCT W/THIEU WAS "MARKED BY STORMY EXCHANGES IN WHICH HAK SEVERAL TIMES INTERRUPTED THIEU IN MID-SENTENCE." DURING THE FREQUENTLY "HEATED" TALKS, HAK URGED THIEU TO BE "REALISTIC." AT TIMES, ACCORDING TO SOURCES, "IT GOT PRETTY ROUGH AND HAK TREATED THIEU ALMOST LIKE A KID."....FRITCHEY SAYS IF THIEU WANTS TO KNOW HIS FATE HE SHOULD LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED TO CHIANG AT THE TIME OF RN'S PEKING SUMMIT PLANS. THE "LOYALTY SHOW" FOR THIEU IN THE DUC TALKS IS ANALOGOUS TO THE UN FIGHT FOR THE GENERALISSIMO.

OF THIEU'S OBJECTIONS MAY WELL BECOME THE KEY TO THE MAKING OR BREAKING OF LASTING PEACE. IT HAS THE RESULT OF ORDERING THIEU TO RELEASE THOUSANDS OF SUSPECTED VC AND COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZERS. A THIEU REFUSAL TO DO SO ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD LEAD TO CHARGES OF BAD FAITH, AND WOULD GET ANY ACCORD OFF TO A SHAKY START, SAYS UPI WHICH NOTES THAT THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE INDICATION HE HAS MADE ANY PLANS TO RELEASE THEM, OR TO STOP MAKING ARRESTS FOLLOWING A SETTLEMENT.

CAROLYN MUGAR, ONE OF 7 AMERICANS WHO RECENTLY VISITED POWS IN NVN, SAID THEY "KNOW THEY'LL GO HOME AFTER THE WAR IS OVER.... THE BEST THING AMERICANS CAN DO NOW IS WORK FOR THAT END." SHE SAID ONE POW TOLD HER THEY "THINK THE PEOPLE VOTED FOR RN THINKING HE WAS A PEACE CANDIDATE AND WE'D LIKE TO THINK IT WAS A PEACE MANDATE THAT WAS VOTED FOR. WE'D LIKE TO SEE HIM HONOR IT."

CBS NOTED NVN RESTATED THAT ALL OF VN IS ONE COUNTRY AND ALL US INFLUENCE IN THE SOUTH MUST CEASE.... LISAGOR AND SHACKFORD ON NET SAID BOTH SIDES WILL PROBABLY HAVE THE "FALL" TO CLAIM "VICTORY" ONCE ACCORD IS SIGNED EVEN THOUGH, THEY ASSERTED, NO REASONABLE MAN CAN CONCLUDE THERE HAVE BEEN ANYTHING BUT LOSERS ALL AROUND.

NBC NOTE THAT MME. BINH ATTACKED INDONESIA FOR ALLEGEDLY OPPOSING THE COMMUNISTS WHILE PRETENDING TO BE NONALIGNED.

THE ANTIWAR CLERGY AND LAYMAN CONCERNED, CALLED AP "AN INTER-FAITH LAY-CLERGY GROUP," SAID RN APPEARS TO BE "RENEGING ON HIS PROMISE" TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT AND URGED CITIZENS TO INSIST TO GO AHEAD.... PERCY IN SAIGON SAID HE IS "EVER HOPEFUL" OF A CEASE-FIRE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. BUT HE SAID IT MUST BE "TOTAL AND COMPLETE. IT MUST BE NEGOTIATED ONE AND FOR EVERYONE AND THAT MEANS NO MORE KILLING."

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THE SUN REPORTS FROM MOSCOW OF SOVIET PREPARATION TO RESUME LARGE-SCALE SEA SHIPMENTS OF WAR MATERIAL AND OTHER GOODS TO SVN.

THE WAR COULD END THIS WEEK, SAID UTLEY, BUT IT'S STILL GOING ON. ENEMY DROVE ARVN FROM SPOT IN HIGHLANDS AS FIGHTING ERUPTED IN 3 SCATTERED AREAS. B52S ALSO FLEW MORE THAN 40 STIKES IN QT PROVINCE WHERE ARVN COUNTEROFFENSIVE IS BOGGED DOWN BY RAINS, NOT BY ENEMY, NOTED NBC.

US JETS STREAKED TO W/IN 6 MILES OF RN'S 20TH PARALLEL CONFINE AND WRECKED NEW RUNWAYS AT AN IMPORTANT NVN BASE....ENEMY AGAIN HIT BINJ HOA --NO CASUALTIES....THE SHIFT OF ALMOST ALL NVN ANTI-AIRCRAFT TO SOUTHERN SECTOR IS SEEN BY US INTELLIGENCE, TO INDICATE HANOI DOESN'T EXPECT TO PROVOKE US BOMBING RESUMPTION FARTHER NORTH. THE TIMES FURTHER REPORTS US VIEW THAT PLANNING FOR CEASEFIRE IS -AS INEXORABLE AND IRREVOCABLE IN NVN AS IN US."

EMK SAYS THAT '72 IN TERMS OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES AND REFUGEES, WAS THE CRUELEST YEAR YET FOR SVN....CBS FILM OF LONG BINH SUPPLIES AND THE PROPERTY DISPOSAL AGENCY'S EFFORTS TO SELL THE SCRAP VIA AUCTIONS.

THE GOV'T AGENCY IS ONE OF FEW THAT MAKES A PROFIT -- AND IT GOES INTO TREASURY.

EAST-WEST

US WILL CONSULT NATO ALLIES ON WHEN AND HOW TO EXTEND RECOGNITION TO E. GERMANY. UPI SAYS RECOGNITION WILL "MARK ANOTHER HIGH POINT IN THE CURRENT RELAXATION OF TENSIONS."

IN A REPORT ON E-W DIVISION OVER CESC OBJECTIVES, UPI SAYS THE WEST WANTS TO SECURE CONCRETE UNDERTAKINGS THAT WOULD ENABLE THE RIVAL SYSTEMS TO COOPERATE MORE FREELY THROUGH SPECIFIC CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES. THE RUSSIANS ARE SUSPECT OF THE WEST'S INTENTIONS, EVIDENTLY AFRAID THEY AIM AT UNDERMINING THEIR RULE IN E. EUROPE AND THEIR POLITICAL HOLD AT HOME...THE NY NEWS SAYS IF RUMANIA'S INITIAL WHACK AT USSR AT THE ECSC, IS THE PRELIMINARY, "WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THE MAIN EVENT."

THE WARSAW PACT ATTACHED GREAT IMPORT. TO THE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES IN EUROPE, BREZHNEV AND KARAR DECLARED. THEY ALSO STRESSED THE "DANGERS" INHERENT IN MAOISM AND DECLARED PEKING AIMED AT UNDERMINING THE "UNITY OF ALL ANTI-IMPERIALIST FORCES."

WHAT WILL E. EUROPE GET FROM THE RUSSIANS WHO ARE ABOUT TO GET THEIR LONGSTANDING GOAL OF "LEGITIMIZATION OF THEIR IMPERIAL POSITION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE?" ASKS HARSCH. "OR HAS RUSSIA ALREADY PAID OFF -- BY BEING MORE HELPFUL ABOUT SETTLEMENTS IN VN AND THE MIDEAST?" IN THE SHORT RUN, THE WEST CAN CLEARLY GAIN, BUT "WILL THE US, IN ITS EAGERNESS FOR AN END TO TH VN AND MIDEAST AFFAIRS AND FOR RN'S 'GENERATION OF PEACE' ALLOW A EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT OF DANGEROUS LONGER TERM ADVANTAGE TO THE USSR?" HARSH SUGGESTS CLOSE US-NATO COORDINATION IS ESSENTIAL.

UPI'S THALER SAYS BREZHNEV WANTS TO CONSOLIDATE THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED RUSSO-AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING AND WIDEN IT BY ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION DURING HIS APRIL SUMMIT WITH RN IN US. THE SOVIETS ANTICIPATE VN WILL BE ENDED BY THEN. THEY EXPECT THE SUMMIT ALSO TO BOOST THE CHANCES OF A SWEEPING SECURITY SYSTEM FOR EUROPE. THE SOVIETS, EVIDENTLY ANXIOUS NOT TO IMPAIR THE SUMMIT AND PROGRESS TOWARD AN NON-AGRESSION PLEDGE, IN EUROPE HAVE, IN THE WORDS OF ONE OF THE KEY WESTERN DIPLOMATS, SHOWN THEMSELVES "ON THEIR BEST DIPLOMATIC BEHAVIOUR" IN HELSINKI.

INTERNAL MATTER TO BE "A NEGATIVE RESPONSE" TO THE CONCERNS HIS GROUP EXPRESSED TO KOSYGIN. BESIDES WARNING THE RUSSIANS OF THE SERIOUS OBSTACLE TO MFN THE TAX PRESENTS, HHH AND GROUP WERE, SAYS SUN, "PARTICULARLY CAUTIOUS" ON PROSPECTS FOR RAPID TRADE EXPANSION. "WE GET A LITTLE EUPHORIC," SAID HHH.

PETE PETERSON SAYS IT COULD BE 1977 OR 1978 BEFORE ANY NATURAL GAS FROM THE USSR IS DELIVERED TO US, EVEN THO A PROPOSED DEAL MAY BE CLOSED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. NOT ONLY WILL THE US HAVE TO DETERMINE ENERGY NEEDS, BUT NATIONAL SECURITY QUESTIONS WILL HAVE TO BE SETTLED AND A BIG QUESTION OF FINANCING THE HUGE PROJECT RESOLVED.... THE POST SAYS PRICE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS RE: THE DEAL NEED MUCH PUBLIC AND HILL AIRING BEFORE ANY AGREEMENT IS SIGNED.... HEMPSTONE FOCUSES ON THE SUPREMACY OF THE USSR IN MINERAL RESOURCES AS COMPARED TO THE US AND HE SAYS IT'S TIME FOR THE US "TO DEVELOP A COHERENT NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY AND GET BACK INTO THE POWER RACE. IF WE DON'T, THE RUSSIANS WILL BURY US" -- W/OUR ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSHES IN OUR HANDS.

EVENTS OF THE PAST DECADE MAKE IT "IMPOSSIBLE" FOR SULZBERGER TO AVOID CONCLUDING "THAT SOVIET POLICY HAS REGISTERED IMPRESSIVE GAINS." CUBA, THE MIDEAST, PRC HAVE SEEN SETBACKS BUT THEY'VE BEEN OVERBALANCED BY THE USSR'S INCREASED MILITARY MIGHT, ITS WINNING OF WESTERN ECONOMIC HELP, THE INDIA-PAK RESULTS, AND "FINALLY, THE KREMLIN HAS REALIZED A DREAM TO WHICH ALL SOVIET REGIMES SINCE STALIN HAVE ASPIRED: FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE POLITICAL STATUS QUO IN EUROPE...AND MBFR TALKS WILL START W/THE (US AND W.GERMANY) ALREADY COMMITTED TO UNILATERAL CUTS.... THE KREMLIN IS TO BE CONGRATULATED FOR ITS PATIENT, SHREWD DIPLOMACY," SAYS C.L.

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NOT SINCE 1814 HAS THE USN BEEN INFERIOR TO A FOREIGN FLEET,
KIRK CONTENDS AS HE WRITES ON THE JANE'S ANALYSIS OF THE US DECAY
AND THE MAJOR SOVIET SUB THREAT TO US SURVIVAL.

A NOTED SOVIET MATHEMATICIAN NOW TEACHING IN US CHARGES THAT
THE USSR PRACTICES PSYCHIATRIC TERRORISM BY INCARCERATING INTELLEC-
TUAL DISSENTERS IN MENTAL INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR VIEWS.
DR. YESENIN-VOLPIN CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL PROTEST AGAINST THE
ALLEGED ABUSES OF PSYCHIATRY.

THE USSR GAVE BROAD BACKING TO HUNGARY'S ECONOMIC LIBERALIZATION,
AND INDICATED IT MIGHT ALSO COPY SOME OF THE REFORMS..." HUNGARY HAS
BECOME THE TEST OF HOW MUCH LEWAY THE USSR WILL ALLOW IN E. EUROPEAN
EXPERIMENTATION, " SAID THE POST'S MORGAN PRIOR TO BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT.

RAUL CASTRO SAYS CUBA'S MILITARY TIES WITH USSR "ARE NOT A MATTER
FOR NEGOTIATION" AND THERE IS NO NEED TO ASK ANYONE'S PERMISSION
FOR SUCH A SOVEREIGN RIGHT."

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W/ TOP ADVISERS PROMPTED SPECULATION THAT A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT IS IN THE WORKS. THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION HE MIGHT APPOINT A WAR CABINET AND END THE CEASE-FIRE FOCUSING FRESH ATTENTION ON THE AREA AND RELIEVING ISRAELI PRESSURE ON SYRIA.

NBC NOTED THAT ABBBA EBAN SAID ARAB ATTITUDES DO NOT REINFORCE CHANCES FOR PEACE. BUT HE ENDORSED THE US ATTEMPT TO REACH AN ACCORD BASED ON REOPENING THE CANAL. ... KRAFT REPORTS FROM JERUSALEM THAT "THE POLITICAL CLIMATE IS BETTER NOW FOR A PEACE INITIATIVE" AND AN EFFORT BY THE US IS IN ORDER.

MEIR SAYS SADAT HAS NEITHER THE CAPABILITY TO DEFEAT ISRAEL NOR THE COURAGE TO TELL HIS PEOPLE THAT ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE IS A FACT. "HE EXPECTS THINGS TO BE SOLVED FOR HIM BY OTHERS. HE THOUGHT THAT ONCE HE SENT OUT THE RUSSIANS, THE US WOULD SQUEEZE ISRAEL."... EGYPT'S FOREIGN MIN. EL-ZAYYAT DENIED THAT SOVIET ADVISERS WERE RETURNING IN SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS. "THERE ARE NO MORE THAN HUNDREDS" IN EGYPT NOW.

"JORDAN IS AMONG THE MOST PEACEFUL NATIONS IN MIDEAST", SAYS SUN FEATURE WHICH RECALLS THAT COUNTRY'S POSITION AS "ARAB STORM-CENTER" JUST A YEAR AGO. TO SOME EXTENT, HUSSEIN HAS SUCCEEDED IN SEIZING THE MIDDLE-GROUND OF ARAB POLITICS. ... NBC NOTED THAT JORDAN DENIED THAT AN EGYPT JET WAS FIRED UPON AS IT TOOK OFF FROM AMMAN.

OTHER FOREIGN AFFAIRS

W/ OUT THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT USUALLY EXTENDED HEADS OF STATE, ALLENDE ARRIVED IN NY FOR ADDRESS BEFORE THE UN. NO GOV'T REPS GREETED HIM. ALLENDE SENT A WIRE OF GREETINGS TO RN EN ROUTE. ... ALLENDE'S ADDRESS WILL CONTAIN A SHARP ATTACK ON AN "INVISIBLE BLOCKADE" FOSTERED BY US AGAINST CHILE. ... A NY NEW EDIT SUGGEST ONE EARPLUGS BE READIED.

INDIA'S CALL FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS. ...GANDHI SAYS BETTER RELATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY AN IMPROVED US UNDERSTANDING OF INDIA. SHE TOLD TIME: "THERE SHOULD BE GREATER FRIENDSHIP. ...WHENEVER WE DO ANYTHING, THE US ADMIN HAS FELT IT WAS DIRECTED AGAINST THEM. THEN THERE IS THE CONSTANT FELING-OR SO WE ARE TOLD-THAT WE ARE ARE PRO-RUSSIAN. . . . THEY HELPED US IN DIFFICULT TIMES. BUT WE PAY FOR WHATEVER WE GET FROM THEM."

THE INDIA-PAK POW EXCHANGE REALLY DIDN'T SOLVE ANY BIG PROBLEMS, SAID NBC'S BRADY. BHUTTO WAS TRYING TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK BETWEEN THE 2 COUNTRIES.--BUT HE DIDN'T SUCCEED.

A PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPER CALLED FOR THE ABOLITION OF MARTIAL LAW IN GREECE. PAPADOPOULOS IS RUMORED READY TO DO SO.

THE STAR EDITORIALY FAILS TO SEE WHAT'S WRONG W/ MAC-GREGOR'S REPORTED SUGGESTION THAT US MIGHT RECOGNIZE RHODESIA. ARE THAT COUNTRY'S POLICIES ANY MORE DISPLEASING THAN THOSE OF UGANDA W/WHOM THE US DOES HAVE RELATIONS? AND WHY ISOLATE AND ATTACK RHODESIA? LOOK HOW SUCH NAME-CALLING HAS HELPED MOVE S. AFRICA FARTHER TO THE RIGHT, SAYS THE STAR.

"'BANZAI!' AND TANAKA BURSTS UPON THE JAPANESE SCENE" IS HEAD ON A MONITOR PAGE ON THE "COMPUTERIZED BULLDOZER" AND "MAN OF THE PEOPLE" WHOSE KIND HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE IN JAPAN.

IN 1955, HAMMARSKJOLD TERMED CHOU "THE MOST SUPERIOR BRAIN I HAVE SO FAR MET IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN POLITICS." NEW BIO ON DAG SAYS HIS "ACTIVE BUT QUIET DIPLOMACY. . . PROVED EXTRAORDINARILY SUCCESSFUL IN A SERIES OF SEEMINGLY HOPELESS SITUATIONS."

PERON HAS ALL BUT ABANDONED ANY THOUGHTS HE MAY HAVE HAD OF SEEKING ELECTION AGAIN IN ARGENTIAN. ...SPY EXPERT LADISLAS FARAGO ACCUSED PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF NOT BEING "INTERESTED IN BRINGING BORMANN TO JUSTICE." HE SAID HIS SIX-PART HAD "FAILED TO PRODUCE THE EFFECT I ENVISAGED.

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